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In re application of

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004. A petition for three months of extension time is being filed herewith, making this response due on July 13, 2004.

Please consider Applicant's comments as follows on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 12-43 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 12-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Connell (US 1,406,541) ["Connell"] in view of Taylor (US 4,921,255) ["Taylor"] and Sullivan et al. (US 5,172,936) ["Sullivan"], Matney (US 4,763,930) ["Matney"], and Boggs et al. (US 5,348,780) ["Boggs"], each. Sullivan, Matney and Boggs are newly applied references. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.